MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government consider that there is any necessity to give them compensation?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: What is under consideration is this: We find that there are now 26 displaced buses. These are 23 seater buses. There are certain routes through which these buses alone can go. The Chief Engineer has classified those routes. We are trying to introduce these buses in those routes.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I would like to know why the buses have accommodation only for 23 seats.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Because they are 23 seater buses.

Satrom near Quilon Railway Station.

406. * MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the purpose for which the Satrom near Quilon Railway Station is used at present; and

(*b*) whether great hardship is experienced by the travelling public on account of the want of accommodation in the Quilon Satrom?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: (*a*) For the accommodation of the Reserve Police stationed at Quilon.

(*b*) Yes, to some extent.

MR. P KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether any steps have been taken for the accommodation of the travelling public?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: Steps are being considered.

Paravas and Bharathas.

407. * MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Paravas of North Travancore and the Bharathas of South Travancore belong to the same community?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: For purposes of Census, they have been treated as separate communities.

Velas and Bharatha-Velapanickars.

408. * MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Velas who are hereditary washermen are taken along with the community of Bharatha Velapanickars?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No.

Street lights at night in Trivandrum.

409. * SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the hour at which street lights are switched off in the night at present;

(*b*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that petty thefts in the town are likely to be fewer in number if the lights are kept on till, say, 1 or 2 A. M.; and

(*c*) what the additional cost will be for so doing?

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MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: (*a*) 11 P. M.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 17,990.

SREEMATHI T. NARAYANI AMMA: May I know whether in certain towns in British India the lights are kept on till the small hours of the morning?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Yes, sir.

SREEMATHI T. NARAYANI AMMA: May I know whether the additional cost involved will not be more than compensated for by the increased convenience afforded to the public?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: That is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know whether Government are aware that kerosene lamps are still used in some of the streets in Trivandrum?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Yes, Sir.

Sale of Elephants.

410. * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state their income on account of the auction sale of elephants during the period from 1110 to the end of 1115; and

(*b*) to lay on the table a statement showing the number of elephants captured in each year during the period from 1100 to the end of 1115, and the number remaining unsold at present?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: (*a*) and (*b*) A statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Motor accidents.

411. * MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: Will the Government be pleased to state what were the punishments, if any, meted out to the drivers in respect of the 34 motor accidents that proved fatal in 1115?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Of the 34 motor accidents, 29 have been referred as accidents. Out of those 29 cases, the accused drivers in two cases were prosecuted under the Motor Vehicles Act for overloading and driving without licence and they were convicted and fined, one Rs. 15 and the other Rs. 30. Out of the five remaining cases, accused drivers in two cases were sentenced to undergo, one, rigorous imprisonment for one year and the other, rigorous imprisonment for 1½ years and the latter's licence was suspended. The drivers in the three remaining cases were acquitted.

Development Department.

412. * MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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